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1. SERBIAN PRESIDENT DRAGOSLAV MARKOVIC IN APRIL 12 DIMITROVGRAD
SPEECH DECLARED YUGOSLAV DISAGREEMENTS WITH BULGARIA WOULD AFFECT
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ITALIAN EMBASSY HERE HAS
INFORMATION INDICATING MESSAGE FROM ZHIVKOV TO TITO DELIVERED HERE
MARCH 28 WAS CALL NOT TO PERMIT DIFFERENCES ON SOME ISSUES TO AFFECT
BILATERAL RELATIONS. IN THIS CONTEXT, MARKOVIC STATEMENT BECOMES
BLUNT REJECTION OF ZHIVKOV MESSAGE. APRIL 3 TITO SPEECH IN SKOPJE
(REFTEL) WOULD ALSO REFLECT REJECTION OF ZHIVKOV PROPOSAL.

2. MARKOVIC SPEECH, GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE IN APRIL 13 YUGOSLAV PRESS,
SAID YUGOSLAV DISREGARD OF POINTS OF DISAGREEMENT WITH BULGARIAN
WOULD MEAN RECOGNITION OF BULGARIAN "NATIONALIST, CHAUVINIST POLICY
IN REGARD TO MACEDONIA, THE MACEDONIAN NATION, AND YUGOSLAVIA
AS A WHOLE." THE EXISTANCE OF UNACCEPTABLE ELEMENTS SUCH AS
THESE, MARKOVIC CONTINUED, "MUST BE A LIMITING FACTOR ON OUR
RELATIONS."

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